

# JAGUAR JAMBOREE



WELCOME TO  
THE JUNGLE!!



## Melvin "Cheese" Delgado Senior Tribute



Melvin was born on January 13, 2007. He is the youngest of his siblings Javier and Perla. Melvin plans to attend UNL or Northeast and major in Business Administration or Accounting. He is involved in Football, Baseball, Golf, One Act, FCCLA, FFA, and National Honor Society. His favorite lunch is cheeseburgers and his favorite thing about our school is that everyone in the community comes to support our activities.

Melvin's favorite quote is "If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success," by James Cameron. His advice for future seniors would be to enjoy it while you still can, these four years go faster than you think. When asked what he would miss most about our school, he replied, "The activities. Going down to state and cheering in the student section in a lot of sports." When asked what he would change about our school he said he would allow phones in school. When asked who inspires him, he said his siblings and parents.

-Ava Noyd



## Adyson Krupka Senior Tribute



Adyson Krupka was born on January 23rd, 2007 to Alan & Cristi Krupka. Ady has 4 siblings: Samantha, Hunter, Miah & Nessa. She is a part of many activities such as softball, One Act, Speech, FCCLA, Student Council, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, and Choir. In her free time, she likes to relax by reading or watching *Gilmore Girls*. She always brings her lunch to school and her favorite thing she brings is her mom's BBQ chicken pizza. One rule that she would change in this school is to take away AR points for seniors who are in college English. After graduation, she plans on attending UNL to become a high school social studies teacher. Some advice she would give to younger students is, "I would tell any younger girl that you shouldn't have to change who you are to fit in with the people who act like your friends. Real friends wouldn't want you to change or judge you, so do all the things that make you happy without fear that someone is going to judge you. Live like no one is watching."

- Autumn Slaughter

## Lady Jags are off to a great start

The Lady Jags are 2-1, and they started off their season on Monday, December 2nd in Wayne for their jamboree and came out on top which was a good motivation to go into the regular season. They played Stanton as their first regular season game on December 6th and won 44-21. Then Wakefield on December 7th and won 62-16. They lost to David City Aquinas in a close game on December 10th 48-41.

Varsity: 0 Kylie Brichacek, 12 Isabela Wegner, 14 Audrey Brabec, 20 Bella Koliha, 22 Jade Bayer, 24 McKenzie Sindelar, 30 Taylor Steffensmeier, 32 Jordyn Ratzlaff, 34 Peyton Becker, 42 Ava Noyd, 52 Kenadie Throener.

J.V: 10 Maura Cada, 14 Riley Svehla, 54 Ava Koliha.



-Jordyn Ratzlaff



## 🏀 BOY'S BASKETBALL TEAM STARTS THE SEASON OFF STRONG 🏀

The boys' basketball season has begun and the Jaguars have had lots of success, starting 3-0 with wins over Stanton, Wakefield, and David City Aquinas. They opened up the season playing the Stanton Mustangs in Dodge on December 6 and won 59 - 30. The next day, they traveled to Wakefield and defeated the Trojans 70 - 29. On Tuesday, December 10, they beat the David City Aquinas Monarchs 56 - 48 in Dodge.

This year, the team has sixteen players. The lone senior is Carson Heard. Juniors are Dane Meyer, Nathan Tomacak, Hunter Luther, Andre Martin, Ethan Prusa, Cooper Kreikemeier, Noah Coufal, and Cash Renz. Sophomores are Isaac Meyer, Cole Bayer, Briggs Ernst, Chase Luther, and Isaiah Coufal. Freshmen are Gabe Martin and Braxton Prusa.

The Jags next face-off against the Humphrey Lindsay Bulldogs in Humphrey on Friday, December 13. Good luck to the boys on the rest of their season!



-Peyten Becker





## Jaguar Wrestling

The Howells Dodge Jaguar Team consists of one senior, Dylan Brichacek, two juniors, Konner Bourek and Ethan Coufal, three sophomores, Brody Throener, Blane Stutzman, and Preston Kumm, and five freshmen Evan Coufal, Luke Belina, Parker Jensen, Oliver Belina, and Evan Hegemann.

Jaguar Wrestling kicked off their season with a home tournament on December 7th. Their next couple of meets are on December 12th, a triangular in Pender, and December 14th, an Osceola Invitational tournament. We wish the Jaguar wrestlers good luck on the rest of their season!

At the Howells Dodge Tournament on December 7th, the Boys finished out with:

126 Blane Stutzman 🥇

132 Brody Throener 🥈

144 Oliver Belina 6th

150 Dylan Brichacek 🥈

157 Konner Bourek 4th

285 Parker Jensen 6th

- Melvin Delgado



## 🎳 Bowling 🎳

On November 19 the Jaguar bowlers started their first bowling practice. Practice went well for the first practice and with new members on the team but they still need some work. A couple of weeks went by and everyone was on a roll and were picking up strikes and spares like crazy! The Jaguars were ready for their first bowling meet at Dodge on December 10th against North Bend. The Lady Jaguar bowlers did well in their first game and won their match. The boys also did well and won the first game. The second game of the night started and the Jaguars started well, but couldn't pull out another win and lost by 45. The Lady Jags fought for their win and won their second game of the night. The Jags and Lady Jags will compete in the Boone Central Tournament at Kings Lanes in Norfolk starting at 9 am on Saturday, December 14th.

The Lady Jaguar bowlers are juniors, Annemarie Slaughter and Eva Martin sophomores Autumn Slaughter and Addie Beeks, and freshman Audrey Praest.

The Jaguar bowlers are seniors Alex Beyer, and Manny Sotelo-Trujillo, juniors Garret Praest, Caden Reese, and Jose Arita-Segovia, sophomores Ryan Muhsman and Cameron Long, and freshmen Jaxon Morrison and Weston Jacobsen. Good luck to the Jaguar bowlers for the rest of their season!



- Manny Sotelo-Trujillo

# JAGUAR ONE ACT IS OFF TO STATE!

On Tuesday, December 3rd, the Jaguar One Act Cast and Crew took off to compete in Ponca for districts. They performed last out of nine plays and came out on top with both a District Champion Play Production and a District Champion Tech Crew. Outstanding Performers were Amy, Adyson, Garret, Noah, Cooper, Nathan, Dane, Annemarie, Isabel, Kenadie, Isabella, Isaiah, and Briggs. A special congratulations to Amy Praest on being named one of the two best performers of the day! The team will go on to perform at Class C1 State Play Production which will be held on December 12th at Johnny Carson Theater in Norfolk against five other schools.



‘Rita says:

The cast and crew of ‘Pistols and Posies’ should be so proud of their accomplishments this season. Each and every member has established themselves as a critical piece of the production and that is what has made this show so memorable. We have had one goal that we are striving to achieve and we get that chance in the Johnny Carson Theater. This group has proven that they can step up to any challenge. I see no reason why they would back down.

~ ADYSON KRUPKA



## Winter Concert

On December 5th the elementary, junior high, and high school students participated in the winter concert. The elementary concert started at 6 pm and the junior high and high school choir and band started at 7 pm. To start the high school and junior high concert Isabel Belina played a piano solo called Stay With Me by Faber & Faber. The junior high sang two songs. They were, You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch by Jeff Funk and Snowglobe by Andy Beck. Junior high also played two songs for the band and they were Grandma Got Ran Over by a Reindeer and Holiday Sing-Along by Robert W. Smith & Michael Story. The high school choir and band sang and played two songs. The choir sang The Christmas Waltz by Lisa DeSpain, and The Little Drummer Boy by Kirby Shaw. The band played two songs to finish the night of holiday cheer. They were Silver Bells by Paul Lavender, and And To All A Good Night by Andy Clark.

With the holiday concert this year FCCLA hosted a bake sale for students and families who attended the concert. FCCLA sold hot chocolate, chocolate cookies, and sugar cookies. There was a great turnout and everything got sold out the money will be used for upcoming districts and state costs for all FCCLA members. FCCLA members want to thank everyone for their support!

When asked how she thought the holiday concert turned out Mrs. Karnes, the director, said "I think the concert went well. All the students worked super hard and performed great."



- Alex Beyer

# TEACHER TRIBUTE

## MRS. VAN



Mrs. Van was born on January 20th and grew up in a small town in southwest Nebraska called Palisade. She has three brothers Rob, Erik, and Hal. She also had an older sister named April who passed away from leukemia when she was ten. In high school, she was involved in volleyball, basketball, track, and softball in the summer. She was also in band, chorus, Speech, and One Act. She attended the University of Nebraska Kearney and majored in 7-12 English Education. She first started teaching at Dodge Public

School in 1997 and taught English and Spanish. When asked why she taught in Dodge she said, “Mr. VanLengan and I loved the small-town atmosphere, and the people were all very nice and supportive.” She decided to still teach here despite the consolidation. She said, “I was excited to be part of the consolidation of Dodge and Howells. I knew that both schools were very good on their own, so consolidating the two would, no doubt, be successful.”

Mrs. Van got married to Mr. Van in 1994 in Kearney, where they met at UNK. They just celebrated their 30th anniversary this past August. They have two kids Dax and Taya. Dax is a 6th-grade teacher at Sunrise Middle School in Kearney. He also teaches 8th-grade football and currently coaches the JV girl's basketball team at Kearney High School. His wife Makenna is studying to become a Physician's Assistant through UNMC-Kearney. Taya is a hair stylist in Lincoln. She is an assistant manager of Sports Clips. She likes how busy they are and has done as many as 18 haircuts in one day. The most popular is definitely a low taper fade.

Mrs. Van has two cats, Simba and Fiona. They adopted Simba last year along with Carlos, who was a big, fluffy 15-pound cat. Unfortunately, Carlos passed away earlier this fall, so they decided to get a new kitten. Fiona is growing quickly and Simba is starting to get used to having her around, although she makes sure Fiona knows she is the alpha.

In Mrs. Van's free time, she likes to spend time with her family and friends. “We like to attend sports events or concerts, or just go out to eat at a new place. Mr. Van and I love country music and have gone to many concerts. We also love to go to Nashville where there are many live bands playing at the same time.”

When asked what's on her bucket list she said, “I would love to visit Norway and Denmark where my ancestors are from.” When asked if she won the lottery and what she would do with the money she said, “I would buy homes in different places such as Nashville, Lincoln, Florida, and London.”



## STAFF TRIBUTE

### *Jody Blum*

Jody graduated from Howells High. She attended Wayne State College and graduated with a Finance Degree. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, gardening, walking, putting together 1000-piece jigsaw puzzles, and watching re-runs of old TV shows. She also loves to watch Husker Volleyball. She is a huge Disney fan and has been to Disney World 10 times.

What do you like the most about our school?

“My favorite thing about HDC is the students and staff, and the commitment everyone has to the activities they are involved with.”

What made you come to Howells-Dodge?

“After graduating from college I was getting married and moving back to Howells. There was an opening in the school office so I thought it would be a good place to start until I found something else and here I am 35 years later!!”

A little bit more about her life.

“My husband George and I live in Howells. We have 3 children. Our daughter Sidney is a Nurse Practitioner in Kansas City and her husband Nathan works for Kiewit. They have two children Beckett - 2½ and Sienna 7 months old. Our son Trevor lives in Fargo, ND. He is a Social Studies teacher and his wife Lauren is in her final year of medical school to become a Neurologist. Our youngest son Connor lives in Howells and teaches 4-6th Grade Math & Science at Clarkson Public Schools.”

Some fun facts:

HDC is my first and only job since graduating from college.  
Of all the staff members, I have worked at HDC the longest.  
I once helped Bill Randy from Channel 7 News do the weather live on air from the zoo.  
My three children, their spouses and I are all Wayne State graduates.



## **Jaguar Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, December 12:** High School Wrestling @ Pender (5:30 p.m.); Bowling @ Dodge (5:30 p.m.); State One Act Championship @ Norfolk

**Friday, December 13:** G/B Basketball @ Humphrey-Lindsay (4 p.m.)

**Saturday December 14:** High School Wrestling @ Osceola (8:30 a.m.); Bowling @ Norfolk (9 a.m.); G/B Basketball @ Howells (2 p.m.)

**Monday, December 16:** JH Girls Basketball @ Dodge (6:30 p.m.)

**Tuesday, December 17:** G/B Basketball @ West Point-Beemer (4:30 p.m.); Wrestling @ Clarkson-Leigh (6 p.m.); Bowling @ Dodge (6 p.m.)

**Thursday, December 19:** OJD Tryouts (6 p.m.) FCCLA Meeting (7 p.m.) **(BRING SECRET SANTA GIFTS)**

**Friday, December 20:** G/B Basketball @ Dodge (4 p.m.); **End of 1st Semester** 🎉

**Saturday, December 21:** Jaguar "King Pin" Bowling Tournament @ Dodge (9 a.m.); G/B Basketball @ Clarkson/-Leigh (2 p.m.); JH Girls Basketball @ Humphrey Lindsay (9 a.m.); JH Boys Basketball @ Dodge (9 a.m.); High School Wrestling @ Wisner-Pilger (10 a.m.)

**Sunday, December 22- Thursday, December 26:** NSAA Moratorium - School Facilities Closed

**Wednesday, December 25:** **CHRISTMAS** 🎅 🎄 📺

**Saturday, December 28:** High School Wrestling @ Shelby-Rising City (9 a.m.)

**Friday, January 3 - Saturday, January 4:** Blizzard Battle Holiday Tournament @ Howells

**Monday, January 6:** JV Wrestling @ Wisner (4 p.m.)

**Tuesday, January 7:** **Start of 2nd Semester** 🏠 📚; FCCLA Meeting (7 p.m.)

**Thursday, January 9:** Bowling @ Dodge (5:30 p.m.)

**Friday, January 10:** G/B Basketball @ Howells (4 p.m.) **(Gr. 1-2 boys play at half-time of varsity boys)**

**Saturday, January 11:** JH Girls Basketball @ Howells (9 a.m.); High School Wrestling @ Summerland (10 a.m.); G/B Basketball @ Dodge (2 p.m.)

**Sunday, January 12:** K of C Free Throw Contest @ Howells (Registration 11:30; Shooting 12:00)

**Monday, January 13:** JV Wrestling @ Oakland-Craig (4 p.m.); High School Quiz Bowl @ Nebraska Christian (9 a.m.);

**Tuesday, January 14:** Girls Basketball @ LHNE (6 p.m.)

**Thursday, January 16:** JH Boys Basketball @ David City (6:30 p.m.); Bowling @ Wayne (3:30 p.m.)

**Friday, January 17:** G/B Basketball @ Howells (4 p.m.); FCCLA District STAR Events @ Schuyler

**Saturday, January 18:** High School Wrestling @ Battle Creek (9 a.m.); Bowling @ Norfolk (9 a.m.); G/B Basketball @ Mead (2 p.m.); Jaguar Jaunt Speech Meet @ Howells (8 a.m.); JH Girls Basketball @ Clarkson-Leigh (9 a.m.); JH Boys Basketball @ Howells (9 a.m.)

- Allie Dirkschneider



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## Fun Facts about December

Dec. 15- The full cold moon appears reaching its peak at  
4:02 am

Decembers birthstone is turquoise which means good fortune and success

## Christmas Trivia

1. What country did the Christmas tree tradition originate from?
2. What's the best-selling Christmas movie of all time?
3. What city were the McCallisters going to for a holiday vacation in Home Alone?









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